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Senate Bill 723 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Tupac A. Hunter
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to require the operator of a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home to maintain on its premises a licensing notebook that included reports from all licensing inspections and special investigations, and a summary sheet outlining those reports. The information in the notebook would have to be updated as provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and be made available at all times during the facility's normal hours of operation.

The DHS would have to include on its "child in care/receipt" form or any successor form a check box allowing the parent or guardian to acknowledge that he or she was aware of the information available in the licensing notebook, and that the information was available on the Department's website. The form would have to contain in bold print the DHS website address where the information could be located.

The DHS could not issue or renew a license or certificate of registration of a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home if the licensee, registrant, or applicant had had a previous license or registration revoked for a violation of the Act, the rules promulgated under the Act, or the terms of the license or registration that resulted in the serious injury or death of a child while under its care.

MCL 722.121 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Human Services could see a small, indeterminate increase in cost associated with modifying the Child in Care/Receipt form and adjusting procedures for the inspection of licensed child day care facilities to meet the requirement of the bill.

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